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3. Based upon the Ten Year Plan for electrical production in Hungary, only twelve percent of the entire energy production will be covered by hydro-electric works at the end of the ten year period. Thermal generating works will account for the remaining 88 percent.
2. During a discussion in the planning office of the Five-Year Plan for the state coal mines, it was estimated that annual coal requirements will have risen to sixteen million tons in 1954. In order to absorb this rise, the present coal production of ten million tons will have to be greatly increased.
3. Present natural coal reserves in Hungary are estimated at approximately 1,500 million tons, sixty percent of which is of a far lower quality than the coal at present being mined.
4. Although Hungarian geologists expect to discover an additional 1,000 to 1,500 million tons of coal reserves, Hungarian coal production will become more and more difficult in the next few decades. This will be due to the fact that coal being currently mined is of a poor quality while the greater part of the coal reserves are under water.
5. Before the war coal production rose three percent a year, amounting to an annual increase of eight percent during the period of intensified industrial development during the war. Present plans call for an annual increase of eight percent to satisfy the country's needs.
6. However, the 3,000 million tons of reserve coal will be exhausted in 20 years if the annual increase of coal production is maintained at the figure of three percent.
7. In view of these difficulties, Hungary is considering:
 - a. The construction of additional hydro-electric works; full use of all natural resources and potential would give a maximum annual production of 600 to 1,000 kwh.
 - b. Importation of electricity from abroad; preparations for this are already under way.

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